

FALL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2018

Hello, Fellow Cottagers! Hope everyone enjoyed a Happy Thanksgiving Weekend.

INTRODUCING CLPOA BOARD 2018-20

At our AGM on June 30, 2018, six of seven CLPOA directors volunteered to stand for re-election. With no other nominations brought forward, Membership voted for the six to remain on the Board. Immediately following the AGM, the six directors met and agreed to fill the following positions.

- **DIRECTORS AT LARGE: Michael Silver and Charles Wilkins**
- **PAST PRESIDENT: Dennis Cartwright** Dennis replaces GARY DEATHE, whose continuing interest is always appreciated. Thank you, Dennis, for your dedication as CLPOA President over the last four years.
- **PRESIDENT: Margaret Kenwright**
- **SECRETARY: Ian McClennan**
- **TREASURER: Ron Algate**
- **VICE-PRESIDENT: Erin Beckett**

INDISPENSABLE NON-BOARD MEMBERS: BOB CLEVERDON, SHARON CLEVERDON and PAUL TRAYES volunteer so much time in the interest of Clear Lake. Bob and Sharon collect lake water samples on specific dates and at specific locations for MLA testing. Sharon is CLPOA Membership Chair. Paul keeps all the marker buoys in excellent condition, stores them every winter and replaces them every spring.

IN THE WORKS

1. **GUARDIANS OF MUSKOKA'S DARK SKY:** MIKE SILVER and several cottagers, Muskoka residents and several councillors strive to minimize light pollution, especially in our sky as viewed from Torrance Barrens Dark Sky Reserve. Update:

"Finally, after several years of dark sky purgatory with the Town of Gravenhurst, there is some potentially good news to report: The new Mayor, Paul Kelly, has apologized for the past conduct of the mayor and council and stated that he wants a new and communicative working relationship. And the three, most hostile members of Gravenhurst council, Mayor Paisley Donaldson, Jeff Watson and Bob Calhoun are not running again and will be replaced by others. The preliminary findings from the McGill survey done this summer of the public support in Gravenhurst for light restrictions to preserve the dark sky is sitting at approximately 90%!! That is overwhelming public support! Additionally, in our poll of Gravenhurst and Muskoka candidates in the upcoming election most candidates indicated strong support for light restrictions to preserve the Barrens and Muskoka's dark sky. The group Guardians Of the Dark Sky (GODS!) intends to work with these results over the next year. More will be posted later." – Mike Silver

2. **FACEBOOK:** ERIN BECKETT created a CLPOA Facebook page. A work in progress, it's meant to help encourage cottager communication, posting of photos, events and lost/found items. Join and Like *Clear Lake Cottage Owners Association – CLPOA* and post your comments.

3. **TWITTER:** IAN McCLENNAN set up a CLPOA Twitter account. Ian explains, “The new Twitter account is @ClearLake_CLPOA. We will use it to send out updates on meetings, events, lost & found, etc. Mention us (add @ClearLake_CLPOA to your tweet) to share your photos, news, or lost & found with us and we will retweet it.”
4. **AUGUSTFEST REVIVAL?** Would you like to help bring back ‘AUGUSTFEST’ and maybe also a ‘SPRING WELCOME BACK’ event? We have some ideas and welcome yours.

REGATTA

LISA PENNYCOOK ran a fun Regatta and has kindly offered to be the Organizer again next year. Sincere thanks to all who helped pull it together and for generous donations from *Don’s Bakery, Ice Dreams, Castle Blue, Clear Lake Brewery, PIE Wood Fired Pizza Joint* and *Debbie Wotherspoon*. Of six Boat Parade entries, the Macdonald/Georgopoulos family won 1st Place with (unicorn-themed) “**Boat-A-Corn**”. Theirs is the first name to be inscribed on the newly designed Broken Paddle Award. The treasured antique boat parade award has been newly refurbished by Bob Cleverdon. Coincidentally, Bob had enlisted the talent of Steve Macdonald to create the logo, based upon a vintage Clear Lake banner. Thanks, Bob and Steve. There was a big turnout for all ages of swim races and especially the lily pad event. The Tug-of-war, a favorite participant-spectator event, was won by Lisa’s side. *Yea, Lisa!*

AROUND THE LAKE

1. BOAT SAFETY

The lake was abuzz this summer with the great weather. Let’s take every precaution for safety, such as always having a spotter onboard for water-skiers or when towing anyone on anything. Also be aware of how much time or space we take up on the lake and make an effort to share.

2. BOAT LAUNCH

For the most part, the posted 9am-1pm hours of use were followed. There a few very late night ins-and-outs, some parking on the launch site, and unfortunately a person was quite belligerent when the rules were pointed out to him. Out of respect for our lake community, please let our visitors, renters and Marinas know how the launch should be used. Let’s make it pleasant for everyone next year.

See <http://clearlakemuskoka.ca/> for water quality results. Keep in touch by Facebook, Twitter or email. CLPOA BOARD: executive@clearlakemuskoka.ca MEMBERSHIP: membership@clearlakemuskoka.ca

On behalf of all CLPOA Board members, have a great winter!

Marg Kenwright

P.S. VOTE! MUSKOKA ELECTION OCT 12-22 *by Phone or Internet – convenient!*

Registered candidates are listed on our Township’s website.

• TOWNSHIP OF MUSKOKA LAKES: <https://www.muskokalakes.ca/content/2018-municipal-election>

Some well-known community groups offer their research and opinions:

• MUSKOKA LAKES ASSOCIATION: <https://mla.on.ca/Municipal%20Elections%202018>

• MUSKOKA RATEPAYERS: <http://www.muskokaratepayers.ca/News/Article/Candidate-Endorsement/>

• SAFE QUIET LAKES: outreach@safequiet.ca